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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SINO-INDIA RELATIONS,
INDIA/PAKISTAN, INDIA-AFGHANISTAN RELATIONS; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

SINO-INDIA RELATIONS

[1](#)1. "CHINA'S REPLY," editorial in October 27 right-of-center Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "Prime Minister Singh did right to reiterate New Delhi's traditional stance that the Dalai Lama is free to travel anywhere in India. China has not reacted and we cannot be sure that it has accepted the Indian stand. China is a tough nut to crack. See how it prevailed upon US President Obama to not meet Dalai Lama. If Beijing is quiet, it is because it opts to. Or is it because India flexed its muscles recently, by announcing new visa rules for Chinese workers? China's growing military and economic strengths are a big worry for India. "

[1](#)2. "CHINA'S DAM ON BRAHMAPUTRA," editorial in October 28 Assamese left-of-center daily, ASAMIYA PRATIDIN: "It is good that both India and China have agreed to work closely on river management and water sharing issues. Any bilateral dispute should be resolved through negotiation. Agreeing to maintain peace at the border is perhaps the major outcome of Manmohan Singh's talks with Wen Jiabao. It may also help ease the tension which is brewing over China's proposed river dam

project on the Brahmaputra."

¶3. "TALKS -THE ONLY WAY OUT," editorial in October 27, Bangalore-based left-of-center Kannada daily PRAJAVANI: "India and China are emerging as superpowers in Asia. But, China is an unreliable partner and is creating stumbling blocks for India. As a result, the trade and commerce between both the countries is not growing on the expected lines. While taking a tough stand on issues raked up by China, India can consider holding talks with China to resolve the problems."

¶4. "IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP," editorial in October 27 Kannada daily VIJAY KARNATAKA: "The tensions between India and China eased out to an extent during the recent meeting between the Primers of both of the countries. As a first step, both the countries should stop the 'war of words' and that might lead to an improved relationship between the two."

INDIA/PAKISTAN

¶5. "TIME TO BE CAREFUL," op-ed in October 27 right-of-center Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "Pakistan's Army is providing critical support to Afghan Taliban hoping that one day the U.S. will leave Kabul to its fate, and the Pakistan Army will be able to pull the strings in Kabul when the local Taliban return to power.... Anything

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could happen in Pakistan. That includes a conclusion in Washington that a military dictatorship is a better deal in Islamabad rather than a tottering civilian administration. India should not be misled by a series of recent events in Pakistan into believing that the Pakistani Army is now all set to crush the Taliban and terror from across the border is about to end."

INDIA-AFGHANISTAN RELATIONS

¶6. "LIKELY ATTACK FROM AFGHANISTAN: INDIA BEWARE!" op-ed in October 28 left-of-center Marathi daily, APLA MAHANAGAR: "U.S. commander in Afghanistan General McChrystal's asking for additional troops should make India sit up and be alert. For the U.S., sending additional troops will be a decision against the mounting public opinion in favor of a quick exit from Afghanistan. But in the case of India, the insurgency on Afghanistan borders denotes a greater security risk, especially when one is not sure of the crisis preparedness of India's union government."
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